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Re:

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Inventors:

Fox et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
- 3. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 along with Exhibits A and B;
- 4. Our check no. 35084 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension of time fee; and
- 5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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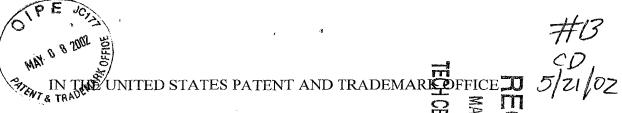
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **January 15**, **2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 10), the period for reply having been extended one (1) month by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.